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NEWS RELEASE

Attempt Capital Murder Suspect Released from Jail

Today, the San Antonio Police Department has requested that Joe Garcia be released from the Bexar County Jail due to insufficient evidence against him.

Joe Garcia was arrested on Tuesday, August 16th, for the Attempted Capital Murder of 9-month-old Jacob Valdez. The shooting occurred on Monday, August 15th, around 2:55 AM in the 5900 block of Fairshire.

Garcia has now been released from the Bexar County Jail. A warrant was originally obtained for Garcia based on a sworn statement given by a witness, the father of the 9 month old victim. In his sworn statement, the witness identified Garcia as being involved in the shooting. Today, this same witness came into the Homicide office and recanted his statement and told detectives that he was untruthful and essentially lied. He has now given a second sworn statement to this effect.

This witness may now face charges for perjury.

The investigation into the shooting still continues with detectives scrutinizing the initial statement given by this witness for any irregularities and untruthful statements including the statements given on the other two suspects.

The San Antonio Police Department is still asking the public's help in providing information that may lead to additional suspects to call the SAPD Homicide Unit at 207-7635.

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